

A photograph of a woman and a young girl in a kitchen. The woman, wearing a green short-sleeved shirt, is leaning over the girl, who is wearing a white top with pink floral overalls. They are both focused on preparing food on a dark countertop. There are several bowls of vegetables, a plate of bread, and a coffee maker in the background. The kitchen has white cabinets and a white subway tile backsplash.

Let us love...

In deed and in truth

(1 Jn. 3:18)



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Easter 5

Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Family Worship: 9:00 A.M.

Choir: 8:00 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible class: 10:15 A.M.

Today's Worship

"We are God's handiwork" (Eph. 2:10).

Greeting and prayer

Hymn 905: Come, Thou Almighty King

Invocation:

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**



P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Gloria



☐ **Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;**



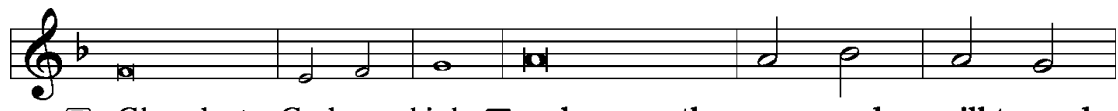
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

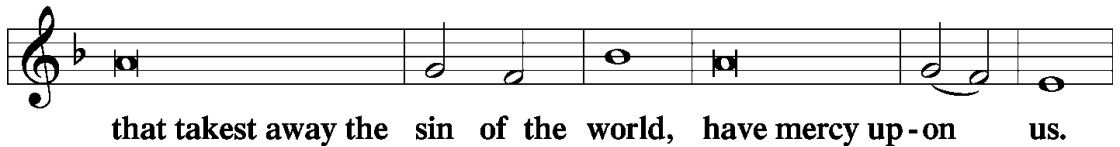


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



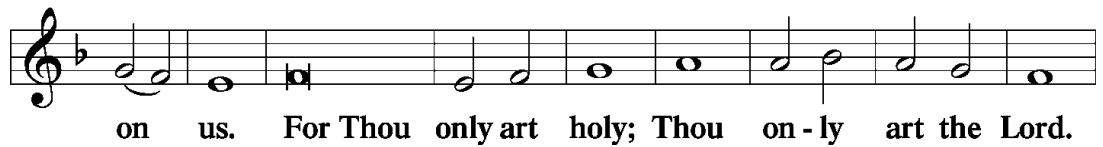
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



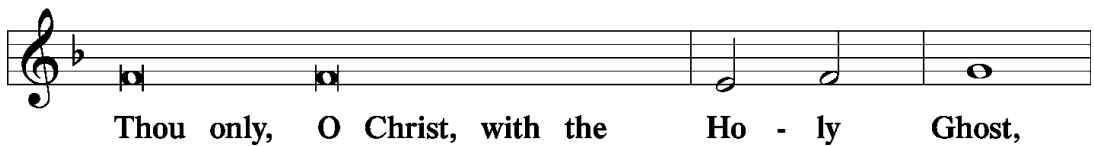
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



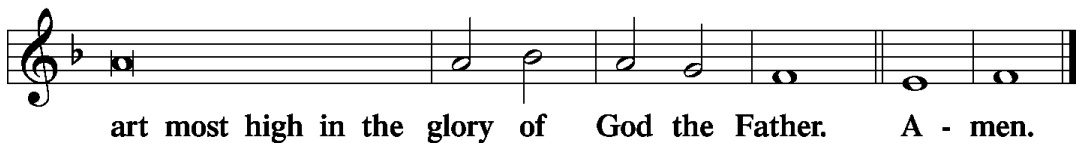
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



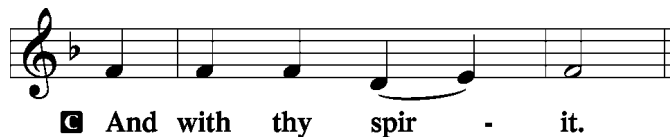
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir-it.

The Collect prayer:

P: Let us pray:

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Lesson:

Acts 8:26-40...What outwardly looked like coincidence was in reality the Lord calling a soul to faith.

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza. This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”

So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came out of the water, the Spirit of

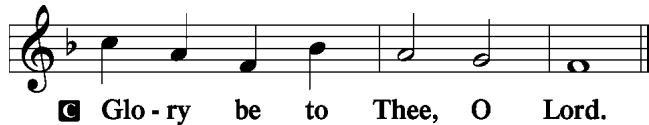
the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia.



Gospel Lesson:

P: The Gospel lesson is recorded in John 15:1-8.



Abiding in Jesus means a fruitful life...

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

P: As we celebrate the risen Christ in this Easter season, let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding our Savior, who is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity:

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

**He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.**

Hymn 565: *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

Sermon: 1 John 3:18-24

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his

Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Be Confident in Your Faith

I. Know God is greater than your heart.

II. Believe in the name of Jesus.

III. Live in loving obedience.



Offertory

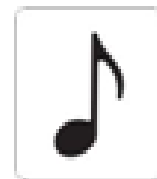
*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*



Offering

Hymn 783:1: *Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*



Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Plain type. **Cong:** Underlined, boldface type

Dear Lord God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier: By your mercy we opened our eyes to a new day of grace. **We praise you for this time to worship in your presence and hear you assure us, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."** While our hearts condemn us as deserving of eternal death because of our

sins, you are greater than our hearts. **You have pronounced us forgiven and justified by the blood of Jesus.** Daily lead us into your Word; for by it the Spirit joins us to Jesus as branches to the vine, so that he dwells in us and we in him. **May we treasure the opportunity to gather in your house for study and meditation upon the gospel which works saving confidence in Jesus as Savior.**

Be present with all who are sick, hospitalized, or face other health concerns. **It can be stressful and worrisome to be unsure of what the physical trouble may be or how it can be treated.** Calm fears with your promises that nothing is impossible for you, that your strength is made perfect in weakness, and that nothing can separate us from your loving care. **Grant your healing for every hurt.**

Your gifts of marriage and family do so much to ease our burdens and lift our spirits. We pray for Scott McLaurin and Becky McKenney who will be united in marriage on Saturday. **Grant them your richest blessings as they begin their new life together.** Cause their love for you and one another to grow deeper day by day. **Help them to encourage one another in their walk with you toward the eternal home you have prepared for all who love you.**

In the days ahead may our faith be evident not just in words but in willing works of love toward family and friends, co-workers and classmates, and everyone whom you bring into our lives. **In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 845: *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Closing hymn 830: *Spread the Reign of God the Lord*

Announcements

Thank you!

Special thanks to all who helped with the spring cleanup yesterday.

“Deadly Desires”

Our society defends and even promotes homosexuality as a perfectly acceptable life choice. Beginning this Wednesday, our midweek Bible class will see what God says about it in his Word, and how we as believers are to respond. Everyone is welcome to join us either in person or via Zoom: Meeting ID: 843 7580 1992 Passcode: 517073.

You're invited...

The McKenney family is thankful for the Christian love and prayers of Messiah's congregation over the years. Rebecca McKenney, daughter of Kim and the late Pastor Kevin McKenney, and Scott McLaurin, new distance member of Messiah, would like to invite the congregation to their wedding ceremony at the church on Saturday, May 4, at 3:30 pm. A reception meal will follow in the fellowship hall. The couple kindly requests that those planning to stay for the reception send an email to mckenneyRL@gmail.com so the family will have an accurate guest count for seating and food.

Voters meet next Sunday

The quarterly voters meeting will be held next Sunday after Sunday school/Bible class (11 a.m.). Along with the regular reports from the boards, the annual budget will be discussed and adopted for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. Packets with the agenda and other information are available on the hall counter. All voters are encouraged to set aside this time for the Lord's work. Others are always welcome to sit in on the meeting.

Photo shoot

Photos will be taken for the church membership board next Sunday, May 5. Anyone is welcome to have their photo updated, but especially those whose photo is not on the board are asked to plan for this.

CLC call update

Mrs. Laura Wales received the call to be part-time Kindergarten teacher at Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, her current congregation. *Mrs. Karen Swyter*, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, has accepted the call to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. *Blair Sydow* has accepted the one-year call to teach the upper grades at Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran School in West Columbia, SC.

Looking Ahead...

Tuesday:

7:00 P.M.: Sunday school teachers.

Wednesday:

6:30 P.M.: Bible class.

Thursday:

6:00 P.M.: Bd. of Property.

Saturday:

3:30 P.M.: McKenney/McLaurin wedding.

Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper.

11:00 A.M.: Quarterly voters meeting.

May 9th:

6:30 P.M.: Ascension Day service.



Bible Readings:

4/28	2 Samuel 21-22; Luke 22:1-30
4/29	2 Samuel 23-24; Luke 22:31-53
4/30	1 Kings 1-2; Luke 22:54-71
5/1	1 Kings 3-5; Luke 23:1-26
5/2	1 Kings 6-7; Luke 23:27-38
5/3	1 Kings 8-9; Luke 23:39-56
5/4	1 Kings 10-11; Luke 24:1-35



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May Slideshow
Ethan Gurgel

Cleaning Team 5/3-5/10

J/B Albrecht
Marita
Quade
P. Gurath
P. Reim

Fruits of Faith

	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$3,788.50	\$337,128.12
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$366,709.02
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$4,591.71)	(\$29,580.90)
Sunday School:	\$2.40	\$118.17
Missions:	\$100.00	\$3,081.75
Kinship:	\$100.00	\$2,047.56
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,835.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 103

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